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*Life and Times of Girolamo Savonarola.* By Professor Pasquale Villari, translated by Linda Villari, with portraits and illustrations. (Popular edition \$2.50. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.) A large reading public will be glad to learn that this, the most satisfactory life of Savonarola, has been published in a neat and substantial volume, and put within the reach of many who could not afford to purchase the two-volume edition.—J. W. MONCRIEF.

*The Mind of the Master.* By John Watson, D.D. (Ian Maclaren). (New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1896. Pp. viii + 338. Price \$1.50.) The book is what we would expect from the author of the *Bonnie Brier Bush* and *The Upper Room*. While seeking to exalt to its place of rightful supremacy the teaching of Jesus, it is a practical presentation of that teaching in a few aspects of it, rather than a complete study of Jesus' doctrine. In style it is full of charm and vigor, and in spirit it is fresh as the air of Drumtochty. One could wish that Dr. Watson had not made Paul responsible for post-apostolic ecclesiasticism and that in his treatment of the Cross he had not ignored Jesus' words at the institution of the Lord's Supper.—RUSH RHEES.

*On Sermon Preparation: Recollections and Suggestions.* (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1896.) A valuable little volume composed largely of personal experiences in preaching by such leaders in the church of England as the Bishop of Ripon, Canon Tristram, Dean Farrar, Rev. W. H. M. H. Aitken and Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe. It frankly acknowledges that the function of the preacher has often been overshadowed in the Anglican Communion, that it would be "exquisitely cruel torture" for a "really able and sensitive bishop to hear week by week all the sermons preached by the clergy in his name," and that many a young man is now ordained "who may never in his life have addressed ten persons in a group." These informal essays, packed with most suggestive experience, throbbing with vitality and sincerity, are an earnest attempt to infuse higher ideals and better methods into modern preaching. Free from professionalism and pedantry, the counsels they give come straight "from the burning core below" and have power to kindle and illuminate.

To those familiar with the voluminous homiletic literature produced in America in recent years, much of the advice here given must seem very obvious and elementary. But if the preacher is told on the one hand that the "best and most helpful commentary is Lange's," or that